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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1. (original) Device for discharging a cooking liquid
 2 from a food product cooking apparatus, characterised in that it
 3 comprises valve means for intercepting said cooking liquid and
 4 outside conveyance means of said apparatus.
- 2. (original) Discharging device according to claim 1,
 characterised in that said intercepting valve means are placed
 between said conveyance means and a bowl of said device containing
 said cooking liquid.
 - 3. (currently amended) Discharging device according to one or more of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that said intercepting valve means can be partialised.
 - 4. (currently amended) Discharging device according to one or more of the preceding claims claim 2, characterised in that said intercepting valve means comprise a body connected to said bowl and defining a seat in which a hollow shutter is rotatably connected, mobile between an open position and a closed position.
 - 5. (currently amended) Discharging device according to one or more of the preceding claims claim 1, characterised in that said conveyance means comprise a substantially rigid tube.

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- 6. (currently amended) Discharging device according to one or more of the preceding claims claim 2, characterised in that said substantially rigid tube is connected to said shutter, a recess of said shutter being aligned to a recess of said tube.
- 7. (currently amended) Discharging device according to

 one or more of the preceding claims claim 2, characterised in that

 in said open position said tube is substantially vertical or tilted

 upwards and in said closed position said tube is tilted downwards.
 - 8. (currently amended) Discharging device according to one or more of the preceding claims claim 2, characterised in that it comprises a tubular connection element placed between said bowl and said body of said valve means, said connection element being tilted downwards.
 - 9. (original) Procedure for discharging a cooking liquid from a food product cooking apparatus, characterised in that it consists of rotating a substantially rigid tube, connected to valve .means for intercepting liquid, from an upward orientation to a downward orientation, simultaneously and progressively taking said intercepting means from a closed position to an open position, so as to allow the discharge of said liquid through said intercepting means and said tube.

- (currently amended) Discharging device and 1 procedure according to one or more of the preceding claims claim 2, characterised in that said food product cooking apparatus is a fryer and said liquid to be discharged is oil.
- (currently amended) Device and procedure for 1 discharging a cooking liquid from a food product cooking apparatus, 2 all as substantially described, represented in the attached tables of drawings and claimed.